

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We read in the Psalm that You, O God, are our good shepherd and we shall not want.

As the shepherd protects the sheep from any harm, so we pray, O God, that You will keep your people from any harm or hurt; as the shepherd nourishes the sheep in green pastures, so may we be nourished by Your forgiving word; as the shepherd walks through any difficulty or danger, so may You walk with us and with our companion along life's way; as the shepherd's great joy is goodness and mercy, so may Your compassion never depart from us. For all these gifts, O loving God, we offer these words of thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1956. An act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a volunteer pilot project at one national wildlife refuge in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2094. An act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978 to enable the Secretary of the Interior to more effectively use the proceeds of sales of certain items.

## PUT MILITARY BACK ON FIRM FOOTING TO MEET CHALLENGES OF 21ST CENTURY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, no doubt about it, we are living in a more dan-

gerous world today than ever before. Weapons of mass destruction are possessed and are increasingly available around the world and the violence of terrorism is about to take a step toward us on every day that we possess.

A world class military is composed of world class leaders, world class soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. Why then, Mr. Speaker, are the United States pilots saying no to military careers and why are our sailors choosing to get out of the Navy rather than face long months at sea? It is because our military families are being asked to live in substandard housing and to endure long family separations.

Even the chairman of the Joint Chiefs has argued that operational readiness, quality of life, and modernization cannot be sustained at current budget levels.

A recent internal Army memorandum made it clear that maintaining go-to-war readiness meant sacrificing infrastructure maintenance, as well as repairs and quality-of-life initiatives. The memo's bottom line was clear: Funding has fallen below the survival level.

This administration has mortgaged our military and is about to default on the obligation. Mr. Speaker, we have an obligation to provide for the security of our Nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in placing our military back on firm footing to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our Nation demands it, our military deserves it.

## CONGRESS MUST DEAL WITH CRISES ACROSS THE GLOBE—TIME TO MOVE BEYOND "TOPIC NUMBER ONE"

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, along with millions of other Americans, I was inundated with the media's preoccupation with recent developments involving the White House. Since everything has been said on this subject, my contribution will be not to add to this cacophony.

I am announcing that beginning tonight, with every day we are in legislative session, I will be devoting a segment of time each evening to an important international event or issue which is of relevance to the security and safety of the American people.

The world has not come to a standstill. People across the globe are not as mesmerized by "Topic Number One" as the media seem to be here in the United States. From Southeast Asia to South America, from Bosnia to Brazil, from Russia to Rwanda, crises abound and are mounting. It is critical we deal with them, and I intend to do so.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule

I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 5 p.m. today.

## HUMAN SERVICES

## REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2206) to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2206

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

## TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO THE HEAD START ACT

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Statement of purpose.

Sec. 103. Definitions.

Sec. 104. Financial assistance for Head Start programs.

Sec. 105. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 106. Allotment of funds.

Sec. 107. Designation of Head Start agencies.

Sec. 108. Quality standards.

Sec. 109. Powers and functions of Head Start agencies.

Sec. 110. Head Start transition.

Sec. 111. Submission of plans to governors.

Sec. 112. Participation in Head Start programs.

Sec. 113. Early Head Start programs for families with infants and toddlers.

Sec. 114. Technical assistance and training.

Sec. 115. Professional requirements.

Sec. 116. Family literacy services.

Sec. 117. Research and evaluation.

Sec. 118. Reports.

Sec. 119. Repeal of consultation requirement.

Sec. 120. Repeal of Head Start Transition Project Act.

Sec. 121. Effective date; application of amendments.

## TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ACT

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Reauthorization.

Sec. 203. Related amendments.

Sec. 204. Assets for independence.

Sec. 205. Effective date; application of amendments.

## TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1981

Sec. 301. Short title.

Sec. 302. Authorization.